Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) about 5,300 acres.

(*b*) 5,30,000 paras.

NURSES AND MARRIAGE

25. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the existing orders allowing Nurses attached to hospital and dispensaries to marry have been cancelled or modified;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative what is the present order;

(*c*) will they please state whether orders will effect retrospectively those in service who have already married or betrothed ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Orders allowing Nurses to marry have been cancelled.

(*b*) The present order is that Nurses, while in service are not allowed to get married.

(*c*) Nurses who were married before this order came into effect will be allowed to continue in service.

26. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of Nurses in the Medical Department;

(*b*) the date of the order permitting nurses to marry;

(*c*) the date on which this order was withdrawn;

(*d*) the reasons for the withdrawal;

(*e*) the number of Nurses who were married in the period between the dates of (*b*) and (*c*); and

(*f*) whether such Nurses who are married are allowed to continue in service ?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) 155.

(*b*) 9th December 1941.

(*c*) 12th October 1944.

(*d*) Because it was found that married women could not carry out even the ordinary duties of a nurse efficiently.

(*e*) 23.

(*f*) Yes.

QUARTERS FOR NURSES—TRICHUR

27. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct Nurses quarters in Trichur ?

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the site proposed ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the Civil Hospital.

ARTICLE IN THE "JENMABHOOMI"—"NURSING ALSO RATIONED"

28. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have come across the statement in "Jenmabhoomi", dated 5th November 1944 under the head "Nursing also rationed";

(*b*) whether the statement is true or not;

(*c*) if the statement be true, will they please state what the number of paid nurses and honorary nurses (each separate) was and what the number is at present (*i.e.*, 20th Thulam 1120);

(*d*) will they please state the number of in-patients to be attended to as on the date ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not true.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) 131.

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